

2019 Faculty & Staff Awards Celebration

Featuring world changers at Andrews University

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Daniel A. Augsburger Award for Excellence in Teaching Recipients, left to right: Boubakar Sanou, Julia Kim. (Photo by Darren Heslop, University Communication staff photographer)

The annual Faculty & Staff Awards Celebration, held March 3, 2019, in the Howard Performing Arts Center, featured faculty and staff at Andrews University who are world changers in their work on campus and around the globe. The focal point of the lobby decor was a laser-cut ice sculpture of the world lit with blue lights. Attendees were treated to a delicious meal and hot drinks while they fellowshiped in the lobby.

The program began with a warm welcome and blessing by President Andrea Luxton. The host for the event was Everett Wiles, assistant professor of broadcast journalism in the Department of Visual Art, Communication & Design. Four examples of world-changing activities were interspersed with the faculty and staff awards throughout the evening. The first segment, "World Changing Innovators," was presented by Bill Wolfer, Department of Computing chair. Each member of the audience received a first-edition American Innovators coin and Wolfer inspired everyone to contribute their talents and ideas to the new Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship. At the conclusion of each segment, a prize drawing was held.

Adriana Perera, chair of the Department of Music, coordinated the second presentation, titled "Changing the World One Note at a Time." Max Keller, assistant professor of music, performed his original composition "Sunflower" on the trumpet, accompanied by Emily Jurek. Perera was then joined by Karin Thompson, associate professor of music, to share how their weekly Beyond Bars Ministry was positively influencing Andrews students and staff as well as the inmates.

“World Changing Compassion” was the theme of the third presentation by Ingrid Slikkers, assistant professor of social work. She focused on the work Andrews students and faculty were doing with Bethany Christian Services to assist unaccompanied minors who are temporarily placed in their care. After leading the audience through a few quick exercises to demonstrate how they calm the children when needed, Slikkers spoke about the skill and compassion exhibited by Andrews students who have been on the frontlines of helping.

The final segment was “World Changers During the Polar Vortex,” showcasing the dedication and hard work of staff in the areas of Campus Safety, Transportation and Grounds/Arboretum. Ben Panigot, director of Campus Safety, Martin Bradfield, manager of Transportation, and David Logan, assistant manager of Grounds/Arboretum, highlighted some statistics of manpower and materials needed to get the campus through an extremely cold week in January. The audience gave them a standing ovation in appreciation.

At the conclusion of the night, Artur Steele, board chair, expressed his appreciation for the people and service of Andrews University, closing the evening with a prayer of blessing.

The following faculty and staff were honored for their years of service to Andrews University as well as for excellence in service, teaching, faith development, research and creative scholarship, and championing wellness.

Click on individual names below to view the video tributes presented:

25 Years of Service

[Kathleen Allen](#), Communications Manager and Banking Operations Supervisor, Office of Student Financial Services

[Spencer Carter](#), Director/Dean, Meier Hall, Residence Life

[Denise Collard](#), Executive Assistant to the Dean, School of Architecture & Interior Design

[Denis Fortin](#), Professor of Historical Theology, Department of Theology & Christian Philosophy, Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

[Paul Ray](#), Associate Curator/Publications Director, Horn Archaeological Museum; Associate Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Archaeology, Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

[Patricia Spangler](#), Director, Office of University Communication; Associate Editor, FOCUS Magazine

[Xiaoming Xu](#), Instructor of Library Science; Bibliographic Services, Cataloging Associate, James White Library

30 Years of Service

[Nancy Carbonell](#), Professor of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology

[Scott Moncrieff](#), Professor of English, Department of English, College of Arts & Sciences

40 Years of Service

[Bruce Closser](#), Associate Professor of English, Department of English, College of Arts & Sciences

[Marjorie Gadway](#), Building Supervisor, Office of Custodial Services

Faith Development Leadership Award

[Glynis Bradfield](#), Director, Distance Student Services, School of Distance Education & International Partnerships

Wellness Champion Award

[Gretchen Krivak](#), Assistant Professor of Public Health, Nutrition and Wellness, Department of Public Health, Nutrition & Wellness, School of Health Professions

Daniel A. Augsburg Excellence in Teaching Award

[Julia Kim](#), Professor of English, Department of English, College of Arts & Sciences

[Boubakar Sanou](#), Assistant Professor of Mission and Leadership, Department of World Mission, Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

Siegfried H. Horn Award for Excellence in Research & Creative Scholarship

[Harvey Burnett](#), Associate Professor of Psychology; Chair, Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts & Sciences

[John Peckham](#), Associate Professor of Theology and Christian Philosophy, Department of Theology & Christian Philosophy, Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

Excellence in Service Awards

[Beth Baxter](#), Assistant Registrar, Office of Academic Records

[Sam Villamizar](#), Learning Systems Administrator, Department of Digital Learning & Instructional Technology

[Kevin Wooldridge](#), Maintenance Supervisor, University Towers, Residence Life